

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 35-37 are pending in this application. Claim 2-34 have been previously canceled. Claims 1 and 36 have been amended herein.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,483,983 to Takahashi, et al., (hereinafter "Takahashi"). Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are patentable over Takahashi.

The claimed embodiment of the invention describes, in part, that if after a predetermined amount of time no input button is pressed, a user-selected title is automatically played back. Hence, the user is able to view and check a moving picture by simply waiting for the automatic playback without being required to press a button.

The Office Action mailed April 4, 2007 (hereinafter the "Office Action") at page 3, section 3 indicates that Takahashi at col. 7, line 65 - col. 8, line 2, col. 11, lines 25-67, and col. 12, lines 32-63 discloses that "[a] system control module, in response to receiving a user-specified title selection from the cursor button, is configured to control the decoder module to play back automatically the user-specified title as a small frame if there is no button input for a select period of time" as recited by claims 1 and 36. However, Applicants respectfully submit that for at least the following reasons, Takahashi fails disclose such a feature.

Takahashi at col. 7, line 65 - col. 8, line 2 discloses that each title may be viewed with a list of several chapters. Takahashi further discloses that the selection of the title can be made instantaneously by a button manipulation. Nonetheless, nowhere does this section of Takahashi disclose the operation of "play[ing] back automatically the user-specified title as a small frame if there is no button input for a select period of time" as recited by claims 1 and 36.

Takahashi at col. 11, lines 25-67 discloses using a picture selected by the user as a representative picture of a stream (e.g., a thumbnail), instead of using an I-picture (e.g., information picture) as the representative picture of the stream. Nonetheless, nowhere does this section of Takahashi disclose the operation of "play[ing] back automatically the user-specified

title as a small frame if there is no button input for a select period of time" as recited by claims 1 and 36.

Takahashi at col. 12, lines 32-63 discloses making and using a still picture or character image as a representative picture of the stream (e.g., a thumbnail). However, using a still picture or character image is not the same as "play[ing] back automatically the user-specified title as a small frame if there is no button input for a select period of time" as recited by claims 1 and 36. Therefore, this section of Takahashi also fails to disclose the above referenced feature of claims 1 and 36. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 36 are patentable over Takahashi. Furthermore, because claims 35 and 37 depend from independent claims 1 and 36, respectively, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 35 and 37 are also patentable over Takahashi. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 35-37 be withdrawn.

Furthermore, claims 1 and 36 have been amended to include the limitations of "single frames are selected from any part of the moving picture" and "the automatic play back start position of the user-specified title is a part of the moving picture which is indicated by the single frame." Applicants submit that Takahashi fails to disclose such limitations. Accordingly, for at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are patentable over Takahashi.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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